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The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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CONFIDENCE IN ONE ANOTHER

Live So True That Others Can Trust You And Entertain No Doubts.

THE HOLY GHOST IS ALWAYS TRUE.

There is a spirit in the world today that creates distrust. One or two hundred years ago people had confidence in one another, but it is not so now to the same extent it was then.

These are the days spoken of by Jesus. He said that at a certain time there would be such trouble that it could truly be said, "These are the beginning of sorrows." At this same time He declared that people "shall betray one another, and shall hate one another."

We do not need to look for this time to come some time in the future, because it is now here. It is the time when false prophets are filling the country and deceiving many, and when the love of many is waxing cold. (Math. 24:8-12.) Indeed this is the time.

It is a sad condition when people cannot trust one another, but the confidence has been betrayed and it is almost impossible to get it restored again. Everybody is on the alert. They are looking for trouble. A man will scarcely loan another five dollars any more without a note with good security. If the names of responsible men cannot be secured, then they resort to the mortgage plan. They have to be secured because there is no confidence in one another.

This is another sign of the last days. Paul says there will be "truce breakers" in the last days. And this means that people will be at peace with one another, and with scarcely any provocation the peace will be destroyed and hostilities raised. For example, Two persons may have a slight misunderstanding and wound each other's feelings and when they get together they form a truce and agree to be at peace again, but suddenly one or the other will break the truce they have made and the same warlike spirit will prevail again that existed before they came to terms of peace.

This spirit of trucebreaking and lack of confidence in one another tries to creep in among God's people. It should be resisted and peace should prevail among our people whether it does with others or not. Paul says, "And be at peace among yourselves." (1 Thes. 1:13.)

Instead of having confidence destroyed we should strive to live, talk and act in a manner that will court or encourage the confidence of our fellowmen. The time was once that the Quakers had such confidence in one another that they considered their word their bond. They required no notes in the case of loans. This confidence was so prevalent among them that it extended to the outside world; and in many instances money was loaned to these conscientious religionists without liens, mort-

gages, or notes. Only a verbal promise was all that was wanted.

But now that this incredulous spirit has taken hold of mankind we do not hear of the old-time confidence that once existed. It has disappeared to a great extent even among themselves. People are afraid to trust one another. They are afraid of each other. They think that others are seeking to take advantage of them in almost every business transaction. In the business world they scarcely have any confidence in one another. It is too much the case among the Lord's children.

There have been so many deceivers that have deceived the people that they are often afraid a man is not a true Christian even though he testifies well, and preaches well, and seems to be humble and sincere. There is such a spirit of distrust abroad in the land that everybody is more or less affected by it. But we want our people to live so true that others can trust you and entertain no doubts.

I have heard some reports of ill conduct by some of our people. I have pushed them aside and refused to entertain them because of the confidence I had in their integrity. Later, I have discovered that it was only a scheme of Satan to mar the confidence and cripple the usefulness of the one about which the report came.

Here is where our people should be careful. Do not take up a report and spread it abroad, and by so doing not only injure your innocent brother, but hinder the free flow of love in your own experience. In reference to this matter the Psalmist has given us some good advice. He tells us who can abide in the Lord's favor, and this favor is granted to him who "walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart." He does not stop here, but He adds: "He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbors, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor."

There is a spirit in the land today that prompts people to spread reports from one to another. If a report of some misconduct is heard by any one it is passed on to another and another, and it is easy for it to gather as it goes until it often gets much larger than when it was started. This is bad enough for the world, but it should not exist among the children of God.

Instead of advertising reports and encouraging a reproach by telling it to others, there should be a place of stoppage; and if it is continued at all let it be done by others instead of those that love the Lord and are His humble followers.

A story is told of a number of

men who took dinner at a certain place. During the time they were eating, some one at the table produced an odd looking coin. They passed it from one to another, and remarks were made about it until it reached one certain man who, when he took it and saw at a glance what it was, he was not interested in it, and dropped it carelessly on the table by his plate. The company of men continued their meal, but the subject about the coin was dropped.

This illustrates the way we should be about flying reports of reproaches on our brothers or sisters. When they reach us we should drop them and not even pass them to our friends or neighbors. The gentleman dropped the coin because he was not interested in it. We should drop the reports and reproaches because we are not interested in them. Get the spirit of interest in such things out of our hearts and they will not be passed on. But as long as one has an interest in such things still remaining in his heart, he is very apt to talk about them and pass them on.

I must live so free from question that if a report of some bad conduct reaches the ears of my friends they will have too much confidence in me for them to believe the report enough to give it the least entertainment. Not long since, a certain party was accused of certain conduct. The same accusation had been common before. I had always tried to disbelieve the reports, but this time I reflected that my friends would never believe I was guilty of such an accusation, because there was never any occasion for such. And this is our privilege. We can live so uprightly and be so true to our trust, and free from the very appearance of evil that there can be no room for rumors of disloyalty. If anything should be floating about that carries with it the least shade of disloyalty it will be dropped at once by those who are the best acquainted with the party referred to.

A loss of confidence is often the cause for accepting rumors. When one fails to be loyal, and it proves to be true, it will be the means of crippling him for a time to come. It is a serious thing to deviate from the straight line now. More is expected of us than of any other people, and hence, when there is the least blunder it is magnified the most. Others can engage in questionable things and but little will be thought or said about it, but let any of our people fall under the slightest reproach, and confidence is impaired at once. Therefore it is necessary for us to keep ourselves as far from reproach and disloyalty as possible.

It is not only necessary for each one to keep unspotted from the world, but when one does become tainted, and falls on one point, every one should try to assist that one to rise again instead of thrusting him aside and causing him to fall still lower by taking up the reproach and passing it on to another.

We should be so closely united until it can be said of us, "And

whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." This close union should be realized because we are the body of Christ and members one of another.

The "golden rule" is good to apply in our lives more or less every day. "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Then if you would like to have a report circulated on you, busy yourself in circulating a report on others. If you do a good thing and wish it made known for God's glory, then when you know of some one doing a good thing make it known for God's glory. And if you are a little overcome, and fail on some line, if you want that circulated as a reproach on you and the church, then when you hear of some one in the same condition, or a report reaches you of a reproach on some one tell it to some one else and keep it moving on and make it as big as you can, you need not doubt but that it will come back on you some day. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

If you want to get into some kind of trouble so people will lose confidence in you, just take up something that will cause people to lose confidence in some one else. If you want to maintain your standing, then if some one seems to get crippled, and has brought reproach on the cause in some manner, try to lift him up and stop the reproach by refusing to circulate the report as you have heard it.

When Haman sought to bring Mordecai into disrepute and ill-favor with the king he began to accuse him and try to poison the mind of the king against him. This was continued, and plots made for his destruction, until it was learned that Haman himself was the bad man instead of Mordecai. Mordecai came out free, and Haman was hung on the very gallows he had prepared for Mordecai to be hanged upon.

Confidence in one another is what is wanted, and in order to propagate this condition it is necessary for every one to live so true that others can trust them and entertain no doubts. The Holy Ghost is always true, and if He is followed perfectly there will be no trouble in having confidence in one another. And there will be no reproach taken up and circulated, or false report believed. If the Holy Ghost can help our infirmities so we can pray according to the will of God, I see no reason why He should not help our infirmities about living lives above reproach so that we can have confidence in one another. The blessed Holy Ghost, who has come into our lives, is faithful in the discharge of His duty with every one in whom He dwells. If He is trusted and only given a chance He will so transform our lives that we can rise above any breakdown of the past.

God is faithful whether we remain faithful or not. But we can be faithful too, and we will be in proportion to our obedience to Him and our submission

to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. If at any time a rebellious spirit takes possession the work of the Spirit will be hindered and something will likely take place that will shade the confidence of others in us, and we will be the cause of it.

We love for people to have confidence in us. We very much dislike to be questioned as to whether we are truthful or not. Then there is a way provided, and grace sufficient given to enable us to go through this world without a cloud of suspicion by our friends and those best acquainted with us. By living true to our profession, and the observance of the golden rule, we will not only hold the favor of God, but we will also have the esteem of men.

Confidence in one another may be at a premium in some places, but with our people it should be with every one. If it is not so now there should be special effort made to regain any confidence that is lost. No one should be ready to say, "I don't care whether any body has confidence in me or not just so I have the favor of God." That is not the proper spirit to show. If no one has confidence in you I am afraid God will not have much confidence in you either.

Whether the world has confidence in us or not we ought to live so true to each other and to God and His Church that we can and will have confidence in one another. But I believe it is possible for us to live so true and so pure in our lives and conversation that the world will have confidence in us unless it is our religion. If we deal honestly with the world and meet our obligations promptly they will have confidence in us in that line although they may hate our religion.

In conclusion let me say with Paul, "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you." And when this kind of a life is lived, and the Holy Ghost is given a pre-eminence, we will not only have confidence in one another, but outside people will respect us and have more or less confidence in us.

Missionary Sunday.

Not knowing whether the Assembly would continue the same plan of last year or not, we did not leave the notice at home when we went to the Assembly; and on our return there was so much to claim our attention that we failed to get it in the paper last week.

The time for the collection was Nov. 11. That is, according to the decision of the Assembly last year, and continued this year, Missionary day fell on the second Sunday of November, which was last Sunday. If any of the churches failed to observe this collection on the proper day we suggest that they attend to the matter as soon as possible after reading this notice.

The Evangel office was made treasurer again at the last Assembly, so when you take your collections send the

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We invite all the workers to send in reports of interest from the battle field. If nothing else a postal card telling where you are this week.

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MISSIONARY SUNDAY.

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amounts to the Evangel office as you did last year. Remember this is the Foreign mission fund.

Bible School.

There was such a prevailing sentiment at the Assembly in favor of starting a Bible Training School that it was unanimously decided to launch the institution at once. The matter was placed in the hands of the General Overseer to work out and start the school.

It was decided to start the school at Cleveland, Tenn., but later if providences were favorable it might be moved to Harriman or elsewhere. The committee in giving their recommendation advised that it could be started at Cleveland with less expense because of a room in the building occupied by the Evangel office that could be used for the school.

With but little time for thought and consideration the General Overseer announced that it was his opinion that it could be opened by the first of the year if not by the first of December.

Following this announcement, and an explanation of what would be expected of such a school, there were perhaps a dozen applicants for attendance. In the rush we could not take the names as we were not organized for the purpose, but told them we would make out the plan and give notice through the Evangel, and then be ready to receive applications.

We do not have the plans fully matured yet, but we are so far along now that we are ready to make the announcement that the school will open the first of the year, and the first term will be three months.

The tuition to start with will only be one dollar a week. Then the students will have to pay for their books and board besides.

We only want students who will be studious and put forth their best efforts to learn and prepare for the ministry or mission work or any kind of work for the Lord. We will not take children under any circumstances.

We are ready now for written applications, but each one will be examined carefully before accepted. This examination is to ascertain the necessary information about the applicant—his

object in attending the school, present education, Christian experience, etc.

Write as early as possible so we will have plenty of time for making the necessary arrangements and examinations.

Address, Evangel Office.

Further Work of the Assembly.

The tithing system was slightly changed at the Assembly. The changes will be explained fully in the minutes, but it may be necessary to note some of the changes briefly here.

The tithes are to be paid into the treasury of the local churches just as has been practiced for years. Then a tithe of the tithes shall be taken out as heretofore, but instead of giving this amount to the overseer of the state it is to be sent to headquarters to be under the care and supervision of the General Overseer and the twelve elders provided for at the Twelfth Annual Assembly.

This change is to eliminate the third tithe which many believed to be unscriptural. There is left now only the tithes and the tithe of tithes. The nine tenths that remains in the local treasury is to be tithed no more because it has been tithed once. The pastor, overseer, or evangelist that receives any portion of the nine tenths will not be required to tithe what he receives from this source.

This is explained as follows: The nine tenths of the tithes first brought in belongs to the ministers, so when the tithe of these tithes is taken out it is the same as the minister tithing. The only difference is that the tithe is taken out before he gets any. So as it has been tithed once it should be tithed no more.

The minister that gets free-will offerings shall tithe the free-will offerings and either put his tithes in the local treasury or send to headquarters.

Ministers that have some business that yields them some increase are to tithe that kind of income and put into the local treasury, unless it is a pastor that prefers to send his tithes to headquarters to keep from drawing the tithes from his own money from the treasury with the other funds. At present this is left for his own decision.

The working out of the details of the system was placed in the hands of the General Overseer and his twelve helpers. While the matters are being worked out the deacons of the local treasuries are to supply the pastor as heretofore, and where there is a surplus left in the treasury after the pastor is supplied the overseer of the state shall be remembered with a good amount. Full instructions will be furnished as soon as possible.

It was decided to recall all the credentials held by the Evangelists and issue new ones. This will be explained more fully in the minutes; but in some places it is necessary for Evangelists to have present year license in order to secure clergy permits. So as it is necessary to make some changes it was thought best to change all. So between this time and the first of the year we will want to issue new credentials to the Evangelists, good for 1913 only.

It was also decided that the overseers of the states should district their respective states and place an overseer over each district, with pastors or helpers to assist him in taking care of the work in the district. And the overseer of the state is to

hold one or more conventions in each district during the year. This is for the purpose of giving out teachings and instructions as well as revival work.

Provisions were made for the local churches to systematize their work so as to call into special service the deacons and others, both men and women. Full explanations will be given later.

A Sunday School campaign was authorized, which, it is expected, will put a Sunday School in every local church, and mission, or any place where it is practicable where the Church of God literature can be used.

Every minister engaged in evangelistic work is required to report to the overseer of the state in which he is laboring every three months.

Every bishop and evangelist is required to be in active service or else furnish the overseer of the state with a written reason for his inability to follow his calling and wait on his ministry.

We expect to have the Minutes of the Assembly ready soon, and every one should study them carefully.

On account of high prices of printing etc., they will cost twenty cents single copy this year. We are ready to book orders any time now and will mail out as soon as printed.

Home Mission Fund.

The Assembly provided for a home mission fund this time. The collections are to be taken on the second Sundays of December, February, April, June, August and October.

This fund is to be composed of free will offerings. While no one is forced to contribute to this fund, yet it is expected that liberal and free will giving will be practiced.

These offerings are to be sent

A SCENE IN THE OFFICE

At Cleveland, Tennessee.

M. S. LEMONS

In the office at Cleveland,
Where we resided many days,
Where the "Evangel" is printed,
Which tells of our ways;
Are seven faithful young ladies,
In the splendor of youth,
Laboring with their hands,
To bring to us this truth—

These girls are truly vigilant,
Their hands never do tire,
And their chiefest anxiety,
The faith of others, to inspire.
The manuscripts are prepared
By one of these same girls,
And the message they give out
Goes around the world.

They, after the paper is folded,
And wrapped and properly addressed,
A moment's notice is given,
And the following tells the rest:

Each girl quietly and gently bows,
And bows to the great God above,
"O Lord, send your Holy Spirit
Along with this message of love."

Arising from their position
In faith and courage strong,
They turn to their labor
With jubilant happy songs
To prepare another issue,
For an anxious waiting throng.
And thus, they, week by week
Carry the work along.

If the reader could only know
How much expense it always takes
To arrange and get out the Evangel,
And the labor it always makes,
They would surely give heed
To the message it brings,
And with these fair maids
Its jubilant praises sing.

And too, besides all of this,
They also would surely pray,
And say, "Good Lord bless these girls
Each passing night and day;"
And also they might give
A little word of cheer,
And ask our heavenly Father
To lend a listening ear.

to headquarters and placed under the supervision of the General Overseer and the twelve elders who were chosen as his assistants.

The Home Mission Fund is to be used to propagate the gospel in the home land. This means to assist in opening up new fields, help the weak places, and whatever might come under the head of Home Mission work. Wisdom will be sought from God by those who shall have charge of the distribution of it, and they will endeavor to use it economically and in a way to accomplish the most good.

Information.

Carrying out the orders of the Assembly, we have drawn a map of the state of Tennessee, grouping the churches into eight groups. A prominent church in each group will give to the district its name. For instance, Knoxville district, headquarters at Knoxville; Soddy district, headquarters at Soddy; Harriman district, headquarters at Harriman; likewise, North Chattanooga district, McMinnville district, Hammon tree district, Jefferson City district, Sobel district. Several neighboring churches are grouped with these different heads.

I am now trying to get the district overseer or pastors arranged, who, in turn, will help me to arrange for the other pastors. So, in a few days we hope to have everything working nicely.

F. J. Lee.

Austinville, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for victory in my soul. I am so glad the light of the gospel ever came to me. When the light came God gave me grace to walk in it.

I would not part with the joy and peace I find in this experience for the world and everything it contains. "It is joy unspeakable and full of glory."

I have been baptized with the Holy Ghost two years and I am more delighted with the experience every day. I am more determined to press on and follow Jesus than ever before. It seems that I haven't done much for Him, but I do earnestly desire to do His will. Please pray for me.

James R. Austin.

Gone to be With Jesus.

Little Jessie Ledbetter, seven-year-old daughter of W. J. Ledbetter, of Raybun Gap, Ga., went to live with Jesus Oct. 29, 1917. The bereaved ones have our sympathy and prayers.

The pastor.

Coal Valley, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for salvation that saves and keeps saved. Four years ago I saw the light of holiness and I have been trying to get closer to God ever since. I quit drinking, left off lying, cursing and foolish talking. I feel more determined to go all the way with Jesus than ever before.

I live forty-three miles from the church where my membership is and only have the privilege of going there once each year.

I do wish a minister would come here and conduct a meeting. I believe a great deal of good could be accomplished.

Your unworthy brother,
W. F. Woodley.

Request of a Soldier.

Dear Brother:

I request your prayers and those of the readers of your paper that I may be faithful in the Christian life, also that I may be sent home to my family where I am needed. I want to help train my children in the way of truth and right.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brethren and Sisters in Christ Jesus:

I want to praise the Lord through the pages of the Evangel for this great salvation purchased with the precious blood of Jesus.

I was converted six years ago. Bless His holy name! One month ago I was gloriously sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Bless the name of Jesus!

Please pray for me.

Yours in Christ,
Bradshaw Holmes.

Cope, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for this great plan of salvation. I am saved and sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.

We have no Church of God down here. We want you to pray for us; we certainly need help.

I am thirteen years old. I shall have to go to school this winter where all the children except one little girl are against holiness. Please pray for me.

Your little sister,
Gussie Lynch.

Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Sept. 22, 1917.

Dear Editor and Evangel Family: We report victory through the precious blood of Jesus.

We have been here in South America about two months and are hoping to be able to preach to these people soon. This is indeed a needy field.

We covet the prayers of the dear saints while we are here standing for the great plan of salvation.

We would like to get personal letters from the saints. Our address is Buenos Aires, Argentina, S. A. Gen. Del.

Much love to all,
F. L. Ryder.

Cedar Point, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I call you "brother" though I'm not a member of the Church of God. I feel in my inmost soul that you are a people of God, because you worship as did the ancient people, according to divine truth.

Our churches, full of pride and love of popularity, do not approve of this good old fashioned way. They say, "The way of our fathers is good enough for me." The truth is, they are refusing the way our fathers worshiped.

I have heard six sermons preached by one of your ministers, Brother Smith, of Tampa, Fla., who is quite a young man. All who heard him acknowledged that he preached in the power of the Spirit.

I wish the dear Lord would send Brother Smith to Columbia and Greenville, S. C. to the camps to preach daily for our dear boys. I have a boy in each camp I would to God they could see where they stand. Oh, that they could see the light before going to France! Pray for them, dear friends.

I so much enjoy reading The Church of God Evangel.
Your sister,
Mary Weeks.

Assembly Building Fund.

Receipts since Oct. 17, 1917.	
Ellen Nelson, Empire, Ala.,	\$ 1 00
Maud Barney, Saltville, Va.,	0 50
H. A. Ragle, Maryville, Tenn.,	10 00
Tony Ford, Millport Ky.,	1 00
Mrs M. F. Brown, Cortez, Fla.,	1 00
Blue Eye Kesley, Cleveland, Penn.,	1 00
Kittie Sutton, Sobel, Tenn.,	1 00
Mrs. M. C. King, Watertown, Fla.,	2 00
Mrs. M. M. Tilly, Benton, Tenn.,	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Foote, Orlando, Fla.,	1 00
Mrs. E. M. Howells, Jacksonville, Fla.,	1 00
M. A. Cohee, Williamsburg, Md.,	1 00
Lucy Martin, McMinnville, Tenn.,	1 00
S. C. Elrod, Marietta, Ga.,	1 00
Martha Durgin, Chickamauga, Ga.,	1 00
Mary Durgin, Chickamauga, Ga.,	1 00
Mrs. J. W. McCormack, Chickamauga, Ga.,	1 00
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L. Rasmussen, Flatwood, Ala.,	1 00
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Mrs. James A. Moody, Lithia, Fla.,	1 00
Aaron Keen, Lithia, Fla.,	1 00
Mrs. Annie Gillett, Lithia, Fla.,	10
Louisa F. Ransone, Lithia, Fla.,	1 00
Geo. L. Roberts, Coconut Grove, Fla.,	2 00
R. E. Ransone, Ft. Myers, Fla.,	1 00
J. A. Giddens, Tampa, Fla.,	1 00
J. W. S. Carroll, Alabama, City, Ala.,	1 00
E. C. Varnado, Spring Creek, La.,	1 00
Alyce Varnado, Spring Creek, La.,	1 00
Ohas. Welch, Spring Creek, La.,	1 00
Millie Welch, Spring Creek, La.,	1 00
Roar Strickland, Spring Creek, La.,	1 00
D. J. Strickland, Spring Creek, La.,	1 00
Floyd Rollins, Columbus, Ohio,	1 00
R. E. Clark, Grove-land, Fla.,	1 00
D. E. Yeomans and wife, Okelveland, Fla.,	2 00
R. S. Fussell, Cleveland, Fla.,	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Moore, Bethlehem, Ga.,	3 00
O. Z. Brown	5 00

Collection, first night of Assembly

Ida West, Arkadelphia, Ala.,	\$ 240 67
W. F. Woodley, Coal Valley, Ala.,	1 00
F. J. Crowder, Fosters Falls, Va.,	1 00
R. E. Winsett, Chattanooga, Tenn.,	3 00
J. W. Sellers,	5 00
Lee Jones, Spring Place, Ga.,	1 00
W. P. Walker, Bryson City, N. C.,	1 00
A Friend,	0 35
Mrs. M. E. Doss, Kimberly, Ala.,	1 00
Otis McCoy, Arley, Ala.,	3 00
A Friend	5 00
Miss Raduel Lynch, Cope, S. C.,	1 00
Gussie Lynch, Cope, S. C.,	1 00
W. B. Langford, Tarpon Springs, Fla.,	1 00
Mrs. G. M. Green, Crab Orchard Tenn.,	1 00
Harvey Goforth, Friendsville, Tenn.,	3 00
J. R. Higdon, Blanche, Ky.,	1 00
A Friend	2 00
Sallie Adair and sister, Dora, Ala.,	2 00
J. M. Kirby, Byington, Tenn.,	1 00
W. M. McBride, Crab Orchard Tenn.,	1 00
E. J. Allen, Harri-man, Tenn.,	2 00
L. M. Davee, Santa Fe Springs, Cal.,	1 00
A Friend	1 00
J. W. Murray, Valdosta, Ga.,	1 00
J. M. Bradley,	1 00
Lillian Kinsey and daughter, Pell City, Ala.,	2 00
Lela Ragsdale, Chattanooga, Tenn.,	1 00
Vesta and Ella Mae Gaines, Summer-ville, Ga.,	2 00
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Cedar Hill, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to God through the Evangel for what He has done for me. He has blessedly saved me from my sins, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Praise His name! He heals my body, too, and heals my family.

Just recently we found our little eight-year-old boy on his face on the floor in a convulsion. It seemed that it was going to take him away; but we prayed and trusted God and he revived. In a short time, however, he had another light one which was the last.

He rested well that night but the next morning he had an attack of fever, which we believed from the symptoms to be ty-phoid. It seemed that the saints could get very little victory for him and he continued to grow worse. A part of the time he was speechless and did not notice anything.

On the fourth morning we sent for Brother and Sister Trim who were conducting a meeting near Talbott. They came and prayed but did not get victory. Brother Trim watched him a while and said: "Something must be done."

The Bible says to send for the elders of the church. He went after some of the brethren; when they arrived, cold perspiration was standing upon his brow and he looked as if we were not going to have him very long. But we humbled ourselves before God and He gave the victory. In about thirty minutes he was talking. The next day he was playing about the house. Our God can do wonders if we trust Him.

Pray for me that I may stay low and humble at the feet of Jesus and do His will.

Yours in Christ,
S. E. Blaklemy.

Camers Rock, Va.

I praise the Lord for the good meeting conducted near here by Brother R. M. Sexton. Five or six were saved or reclaimed, and the people were convinced that this is the true way. Brother Sexton certainly gave out the Word in its purity. The Christians were encouraged and the country stirred.

I desire your prayers for my husband and myself that we may receive the Holy Ghost. I have the experience of sanctification, but I realize that I need the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

I hope Brother Sexton will come again and conduct another meeting for us.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. J. B. Testerman.

Request.

The brother of Sister Minnie Brooks, of Armathwaite, Tenn., has been called to the army. She is heart-broken, and desires the saints to pray that he may be kept true to God. He received the Holy Ghost at the Assembly at Harriman.

Columbia, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I still have the victory. I praise the Lord for His tender love. He has kept me through all my trials. I am glad I serve a God who never fails His people.

I am expecting great things to take place just ahead. All I want is grace to stand, and I am praying for it. Glory to Jesus!

A D. D. with his pipe and Bible visited me once and asked me to join his Bible class. I took my testament from my pocket and showed him what I stand for; he withdrew at once and has had no more use for me. I felt good in my very bones.

I certainly appreciate the prayers that the saints have prayed for me. I do so much desire to hold up Jesus wherever I go. I wonder sometimes if I love Him well enough to give up my life for Him. If I have any fear in my heart, I want it taken out and my heart filled with love. I am praying for God to keep me true and use me for His glory.

I wonder sometimes if I shall ever again see the loved ones at Stonefield, Miss. On Sunday mornings, as the sun rises in its beauty, my mind goes back to Stonefield; I imagine I can see them as they start on the way to church. Then I ask myself the question: "What am I here for? Am I here for any good?" My heart aches because I am away where I cannot be in meetings. This is certainly a hard place for a Christian boy—a boy that loves Jesus; but if this is God's will concerning me I am willing to stay and do my best for Him. He has promised to go with us to the end and I do not doubt His Word.

I thank you all for the kind letters you have written me; I am glad to receive them; they are such a comfort to me. I hope you will pray for me that I may be delivered from this place and that I may be true to Jesus.

Your brother in Jesus,
Joe Brooks Baker,
318 Machine Gun Battalion,
Co. B. Camp Jackson,
Columbia, S. C.

Sarasota, Fla.

Dear Evangel Family:

I praise God this morning for His dear Son who came into the world to suffer and die on the cross that we might enjoy this wonderful salvation. My heart is full of gratitude to Him for the blessed experiences He has given me.

I thank God for His Word with all the precious promises contained therein. We can see in the precious Word how Jesus—our example—walked and talked, His manner of living. I want to follow in His footsteps and live the humble life that He lived.

People often speak of wanting the power that Paul and Peter possessed, I feel that God cannot trust His people with this power until we become more humble. Such power must be accompanied by a great deal of humility and wisdom.

It means a great deal to stand before a congregation and deliver a message from the word of God. People are there who are expecting to be led into the light—and led aright. There is great responsibility resting upon the speaker. We need to be fully yielded to the Holy Ghost.

By the grace of God I mean to go to the marriage Supper of the Lamb, and I know it

means a close walk with God, in order to be ready to go.

Your unworthy sister,
Mabel McDaniel.

Cascilla, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for this great salvation so full and free.

Please pray for the people at this place. A great many of them are hard-hearted and will not yield to the Holy Ghost.

We have no organized church, but Brother Joe Mullen has been conducting services here during the last eight months. He certainly gives out the Word of God.

Your humble brother,
George Hankins.

At Rest.

Sister Amanda Poarch, a member of the Church of God at Crane Eater, Ga., departed this life Oct. 24, 1917, leaving to mourn her loss, a husband and one son. The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Brother Henry Murphy. The body was laid to rest in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

Our sister will be missed in the services where she was a regular attendant for four years, and testified to full salvation. She desired that her daily life be her testimony.

Sallie Crawford.

Notice.

I am in need of some pastors for Texas. If any who have pastoral qualifications are idle and want work, please write me at once. My present address is Sobel, Tenn. You can address me any time at the Evangel Office.

Your unworthy servant,
Geo. T. Brouayer.

Dublin, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord for His goodness to the little band of His followers at this place. We had service Sunday night and the Lord wonderfully blessed us. Brother Nelson gave the message. The signs followed.

The children of God find many trials along the way, but Jesus has said that we shall not be tempted above that we are able to bear. I know there is a battle to fight against sin, but there is a crown for all who endure unto the end. I believe the promises of God. Hallelujah!

Your sister in Christ,
Bell Alexander.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Family:

I regret that several months ago when others were seeking the Holy Ghost and requesting prayer through the Evangel, I wrote them personal letters trying to console them in their present condition. This transpired before I, by searching the Scriptures closely, learned that the Holy Ghost does actually testify—talk in a language unknown to us, when He comes in to abide.

I have forgotten the names of the parties to whom I wrote those letters, but if you are living, I ask your forgiveness and an interest in your prayers that I may receive the Holy Ghost.

Yours under Jesus' blood,
B. S. Moody.

Thanksgiving.

It would be good for all the churches to have a thanksgiving service on Thanksgiving day. Meet together and give thanks to God for His blessings the past year.

Seattle, Wash.

To the Dear Family of God—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

May God, in Jesus' name, help us to hold one another up before God in prayer. And may we not forget to pray for our dear boys in the trenches and camps. Many dear Christian mothers are praying for their boys, but let us remember those who have no Christian mothers.

Some are proud of their boys being in the army, but I would rather see mine in the Salvation Army. Many are willing to give their lives for their country, but few will do that for Jesus—Him who shed His blood on the cross that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. He came that we might have life and that we might have it more abundantly. Glory to His precious name!

Oh, how we ought to praise Him for His wonderful love and care! Oh, that we may have the fullness of His love in us that we may love as God loved us!

Dear ones, it is so easy to be kind and loving to the friends we meet, but are we so in our homes among our own? Are we always kind, loving, patient and long-suffering as we should be? Do we always manifest the fruits of the Spirit? The Word says, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

May we as Pentecostal people possess what we profess; otherwise we shall be a hindrance to sinners. Many are listening to our testimonies and they are watching our lives, too. May God help us to go deeper under the Blood and by His grace live the life that He has purchased for us. I know that we all want to live to please the Lord.

I am very thankful to receive the Church of God Evangel. Several have read it and have been helped and encouraged by it. God bless it to every reader. Some differ in some things but some day they will understand. They that are strong must bear the infirmities of the weak. God's love loves all the blood-washed pilgrims. Glory to His precious name!

I praise God for His wonderful keeping power and for His love that is manifested to us every day. Bless His holy name!

I ask the dear saints to pray for Seattle. The women are urged to arm themselves with revolvers. Some have been knocked down in the streets in the day time. Children of all sizes have been attacked. The report came last week that the heart of two little children were CUT OUT. Think of it! They were playing in their back yard in the western part of Seattle. People are keeping their doors locked. Policemen have dressed themselves in women's attire endeavoring to apprehend these villains, but have failed invariably. It seems that they are demons in human form. They have committed crimes that I cannot begin to tell. This has been going on several months and getting worse all the time.

But the children of God must not fear. God's Word says, "Fear not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God." May we have confidence in God for all things; He certainly will take care of His children. There is no safety outside of Him.

God bless you all.

Your sister under the Blood,
Mrs. F. L. Juillerat.

Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

About one year ago, the Lord wonderfully saved me from my sins, and made me to know that indeed they were all taken away. About two months later He sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I knew that, too.

I feel, today, that I am very rich, though I possess very little of this world's goods. I have a mansion in heaven to which I am going some day. I shall then see my Savior face to face. Glory to God!

I thank God for a consecrated companion who is baptized with the Holy Ghost, shouts, and talks in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. We both trust God for healing. Neither of us would take medicine in order to stay here.

We are readers of the Evangel. Sometimes as I read, tears of joy flow. Hallelujah!

I desire an interest in your prayers that I may be fully yielded to God continually that He may have His perfect way with me at all times.

Please pray, also, for my unsaved loved ones.

Your brother in Christ,
W. B. Langford.

Cliff View, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The revival at this place conducted by Brother Arthur Fortner also our pastor and Brother Turner, his wife and daughter, has just closed. The services of these workers were much appreciated.

Four reclaimed, one sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost and three added to the church. There are more to follow.

We are always glad to have Brother Fortner with us to give out the Word.

Any minister of the Church of God is invited to come and help us.

Yours in Jesus' love,
W. H. Mooney.

Salem, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

My heart is overflowing with love and gratitude to God for His great salvation through the precious blood of Jesus.

The meeting at this place closed Friday night, Brother Z. D. Simpson was in charge of the services with Brother C. B. Reynolds in charge of the music.

The Lord wonderfully blessed. Many were convinced that this is the true way. Glory to God! We know this way leads from earth to heaven.

I desire your prayers that I shall be found at my post of duty when Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister,
Glennie Long.

Assiout, Egypt.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I wish that you would kindly thank the dear sisters and brethren who wrote me such kind letters. I have tried to answer all of them, but there are a few to whom I have not written. Please ask them to forgive my delay and tell them I have eighty children here in the orphanage to care for. Their dear letters were such a comfort to me.

Pray for us that the Lord will give us strength to do His work faithfully till He comes.

Your sister,
Lillian Trasher.

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Testimony.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Jesus is so precious to me. Glory to His precious name! He has saved me from my sins and sanctified me, and I have been baptized in water, but have not yet received the Holy Ghost. Please pray that I may soon receive the baptism.

Mary Carter.

Watertown, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord for this wonderful salvation so full and free. He wonderfully saved me from my sins, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Glory to God! I followed the Lord in water baptism and am a member of His church.

I ask the prayers of the saints that I may be faithful to the end and be ready when Jesus comes.

Mrs. M. C. King

Sweetwater, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for a free salvation. He has wonderfully saved me from my sins sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost evidenced by speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance.

I have been in the way over two years, and I find that I have the same love and glory in my soul. I am determined to go all the way with Jesus.

Your sister in Christ,
Mary Petty.

Weir, Miss.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I thank God for the great light that is shining in these last days.

I am glad to say that I belong to the wide-awake band. I am saved and sanctified and the Comforter abides within.

I praise the Lord for His keeping power. He keeps me both soul and body. I know He can heal all diseases. I mean to press on and run the race with patience and be made stronger in the faith.

There are just a few of us here but we have the victory and are standing for the truth and trusting God for all.

Pray for us that we may be found bound together in bonds of love at our Savior's coming.

Yours in Jesus,
Susie Hall.

Carmi, Ill.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I thank God for salvation through the precious blood of Jesus that cleanseth from all sin. I have the victory in my soul. Praise the Lord!

I praise Him for His mighty healing power. I once had a terrible stomach trouble; the physicians told me at different times that I would have to submit to an operation; but when I received the Holy Ghost and placed my case in the hands of the Lord. He healed my body, and I have taken no medicine since.

I have had the baptism with the Holy Ghost two years and eight months and I am delighted

with the experience. It is truly wonderful.

Last Sunday was a day that will long be remembered by the saints of Carmi. The power and presence of the Lord was manifested in our midst. The hot lamp chimneys were handled under the power of the Holy Ghost. Bless the name of the Lord!

Brother Fielden is with us. We have no place for public worship yet, but by the help of the Lord we mean to build a new church.

Pray for me, please, that I may always be found faithful to our Lord and Savior, Jesus.

G. H. Neikamp.

Covin, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I thank God for the plan of salvation. He has so graciously lifted me from the mire of sin, saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Glory to His name!

I live in a place where there is no Church of God. There is no one with whom I can have fellowship; it is just Jesus and I. How I love the Evangel as it visits each week.

I praise the Lord for His keeping power. It is wonderful how, as we walk through the hardships of life, Jesus with His guiding hand leads us on. Hallelujah! I feel the mighty power of the Holy Ghost.

Our hearts are made sad sometimes, as we see some of our brethren and sisters going back to the flesh pots of Egypt, and our hearts cry out: "God help us to be true until the end, and do all we can to point souls to the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

If we cannot cross the ocean And the heathen lands explore,
We can find the heathen nearer;
We can find them at our door.

Your humble sister,
Biddie Haney.

St. Cloud, Fla.

Dear Friends:

Some time ago, in the columns of the Evangel, I requested prayer for the work at Bassville. I am glad to state to those who complied with the request, that God is working. The people are gathering in to hear the Word of God. We are so glad to see the people coming, some in wagons, some on horses and in automobiles, others walking through the woods, to hear of the wonderful works of God. The place was nicely filled at the last service.

At the second service there my daughter gave out some tracts; some of the folks said if they read them they would go crazy; but the next time they came up for the tracts saying that they enjoyed reading them.

Please continue to pray for this work. It has been in a devastated condition, but it seems good to see it being re-established. We have services on the first Sunday in each month.

Your sister in Christ,
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